

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 3, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, for failing to being indefinite; rejected claims 1-6, 8, 10-16, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,560,642 to Nurmann and rejected claims 7, 9, 17, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nurmann in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0214955.

In response Applicant has cancelled claims 1-7 and amended claim 20 to correct a minor typographical error. No new matter has been added.

By cancelling claims 1-7, the rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph is now moot.

In rejecting independent claims 8, 15, 20 and 21 the Examiner asserts Nurmann teaches, “determining [if an] assigned Internet Protocol address is a private ... address;” “self-configuring ... based on a format of the Internet Protocol address” and “examining [a] received IP address.” These claims require some form of examination of an IP address. Nurmann does not analyze any address to then decide if it should perform an action. Instead, Nurmann broadcasts a request for an address as a client device and waits to see if it receives ANY address. If an address is provided, the client device remains as a client device. See generally, column 4, lines 38-42. Since Nurmann does not analyze the format of any received IP address, it follows Nurmann cannot anticipate claims 8 and 15.

Claims not specifically mentioned above are allowable due to their dependence on an allowed claim.

CONCLUSION

No additional fees are due beyond those for a Petition for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time. However, the Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayments of fees (including fees for petitions for extensions of time) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to account number 502117. Any overpayments should be credited to the same account.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application, withdrawal of the rejections made in the last Office Action and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Applicant's representative can be reached at the below telephone number if the Examiner has any questions.

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